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SUBJECT: TEXTILE AGREEMENT

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1. EMBASSY COMMUNICATED REF A'S URGENCY TO WONG HONG KONG OF TRADE DEPT. (TAN ON LEAVE) WHO SAID REVIEW OF INTERIM AGREEMENT BY ATTORNEY GENERAL'S CHAMBERS COMPLETED ONLY A FEW DAYS AGO. GOS HAS SOME CHANGES TO PROPOSE ONLY ONE OF WHICH APPEARS TO BE POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME. COMMENTS BELOW ARE KEYED TO PARAGRAPH NUMBERS OF AGREEMENT AS GIVEN REF B.

2. GOS SUGGESTS EXPANSION OF WORDING IN LAST SENTENCES OF PARS 2 AND 3; SENTENCE ENDING PARA 2 WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS, "THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CATEGORY 345 MATERIAL MENTIONED ABOVE AND CATEGORY 348 MATERIAL MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW MAY NOT EXCEED 370,000 DOZEN." LAST SENTENCE IN PARA 3 WOULD READ, "THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CATEGORY 347 MATERIAL MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE AND CATEGORY 348 MATERIAL MENTIONED ABOVE MAY NOT EXCEED 370,000 DOZEN."

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3. IN PARA 3, INSERT "SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT" AND PUT PARENTHESES AROUND "SYE" WHERE IT FIRST APPEARS. THUS, ENTIRE LINE WOULD READ, "--313 SHEETING 1,895,958 SQUARE YARDS EQUIVALENT (SYE)."

4. ADD TO PARA 4 THE FOLLOWING SENTENCE, "EACH FIGURE SET OUT IN THIS PARAGRAPH AS THE MINIMUM CONSULTATION LEVEL OF A P

SPECIFIED CATEGORY OF TEXTILES REPRESENTS THE AMOUNT WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE MAY ALLOCATE WITHIN ITS INDUSTRY FOR POSSIBLE SHIPMENT DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 1978 TO DECEMBER 31, 1978." (THIS ADDITION PARALLELS THE WORDING IN PARAS 2 AND 3.)

5. CATEGORIES 343 AND 344 APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM THE ANNEX. TRADE DEPT. ASSUMES THIS WAS AN OVERSIGHT.

6. IN PARA 11, CHANGE "THIS AGREEMENT" TO READ "THIS INTERIM AGREEMENT."

7. IN CATEGORY 445, THE CONVERSION FACTOR GIVEN IS 36.8. GOS UNDERSTANDS CONVERSION FACTOR FOR THIS CATEGORY IN NEW USG-HONG KONG BILATERAL AGREEMENT IS 14.88. IF THE FORMER FIGURE IS CORRECT, WE HOPE THE GOS EMBASSY HAS THE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT IT WITHOUT FURTHER REFERENCE TO SINGAPORE.

8. TRADE DEPT. SAYS IT WILL ARRANGE FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EMBASSY TO PROCEED WITH EXCHANGE OF NOTES IF CHANGES ACCEPTABLE TO DEPARTMENT. GOS APPEARS TO HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH SUBSTANCE OF NEW AGREEMENT BUT RECEIVED USG NOTE FORWARDED FROM THEIR EMBASSY ONLY DEC. 13. SUBJECT OF EXTENSION OF PRESENT AGREEMENT WAS THEREFORE NOT RPT NOT RAISED.
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